



Department of Toxic Substances Control



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Dear Community Member:

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is sending this letter to inform you of upcoming groundwater sampling activities that will be taking place at and adjacent to the Ascón Landfill site (Site), located at the southwest corner of Hamilton Avenue and Magnolia Street in the city of Huntington Beach. As part of an agreement between DTSC and a group of potentially responsible parties known as the "Cooperating Parties" (CPs), a groundwater assessment is being conducted by the CPs. The general objective of this limited assessment is to determine current groundwater conditions on-site and off-site.

The assessment includes collecting groundwater samples from on-site monitoring wells and using a one-time sampling procedure both on-site and off-site. These activities are scheduled to begin the week of June 10, 2002. Regarding the one-time sampling procedure, 12 off-site sample locations have been selected. Four samples are to be taken from the neighborhood directly to the east of the Site, and the other eight locations will be in areas north and west of the Site. At a later date, up to three off-site locations will be identified where monitoring wells are to be installed and groundwater samples collected.

The one-time sampling activities basically involves using a special truck-mounted probe to drive a groundwater sampling device to the target depth. All groundwater samples will be analyzed at a state certified laboratory. The CPs are scheduled to submit a report of the assessment results in September 2002 to DTSC.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Derrick Alatorre, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at 714-484-5474, or Ms. Christine Chiu, DTSC Project Manager, at 714-484-5470.

Sincerely,

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The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at www.dtsc.ca.gov.